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Committee Defense Review Enters Second Phase; Six Gap Panels Created to Build on Threat Panel's Classifications

Bipartisan Panels Will Begin Examining Existing Military Capabilities Immediately

Washington, D.C. --- House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and Ranking Member Ike Skelton (D-MO) today announced the second phase of the Committee's Defense Review (CDR) with the appointment of six gap panels to build on the work of the Threat Panel. The gap panels will review existing United States military capabilities and future defense requirements needed to address the threats identified by the Threat Panel.

"The members of the Threat Panel did a tremendous job identifying and categorizing the future strategic threats to United States national security. I am confident the members of the individual gap panels will utilize their expertise to build upon the Threat Panel's work," said Rep. Hunter. "We are now entering the second phase in a process that will provide our members with a better understanding of potential security threats and military capabilities identified in the Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review."

"As we now move into the next phase of this review process, I am pleased to have so many members of this committee working towards the final product," said Rep. Skelton. "Each of these panels will conduct an in-depth examination of a specific subject area and allow our committee to have a more robust debate when the Fiscal Year 2007 budget comes before us next year."

The House Armed Services Committee Defense Review is designed to serve as an independent, bipartisan process that complements the Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review. The CDR's Threat Panel identified and categorized potential strategic threats to United States national security over the next twenty years. Following the completion of the gap panels, the CDR's final phase will integrate the gap panels' recommendations into a report to be released in 2006.

The CDR's gap panels and membership are as follows:

Regional Powers

Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA), co-chair
Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA), co-chair
Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU)
Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY)
Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC)

Rep. Joe Schwarz (R-MI)
Rep. Rob Simmons (R-CT)
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)

Current and Emerging Nuclear Powers Sub-Panel

Rep. Geoff Davis (R-KY), co-chair
Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA), co-chair
Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ)
Rep. James Langevin (D-RI)
Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC)
Rep. Howard P. “Buck” McKeon (R-CA)

Non-Traditional Missions and Catastrophic Disasters

Rep. Jeb Bradley (R-NH), co-chair
Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA), co-chair
Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK)
Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC)
Rep. Jim Ryun (R-KS)
Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA)
Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)
Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)

Asymmetric and Unconventional Threats

Rep. Todd Akin (R-MO), co-chair
Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN), co-chair
Rep. Cathy McMorris (R-WA)
Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)
Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)

Terrorism and Radical Islam

Rep. Thelma Drake (R-VA), co-chair
Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA), co-chair
Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC)
Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX)
Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC)
Rep. James Langevin (D-RI)
Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH)
Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO)

Regional Conflicts

Rep. Madeleine Bordallo (D-GU), co-chair
Rep. John Hostettler (R-IN), co-chair
Rep. Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)
Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA)
Rep. Kendrick Meek (D-FL)
Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)

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